

SPRINGFIELD MINING LAWS.

*Adopted at a mass Meeting, April 13th, 1852, and
Revised August 11th, by a mass Meeting of the
Miners of Springfield Mining District.*

BOUNDS OF SPRINGFIELD MINING DISTRICT.

Commencing at a spring above and near Yaney's steam saw mill, the line running from thence in a westerly direction to the north side of Mr. McKenny's store; from thence to a spring at the head of Dead Man's Gulch; thence following the said gulch to the Stanislaus river; thence down the river to Horse Shoe Bend; thence in an easterly direction to Mormon Creek, intersecting it one hundred feet below the Illinois river; thence up the creek to Sawpit Gulch; thence up the Sawpit Gulch to the Sullivan's Creek Water Company's reservoir; thence in a straight line to the spring, the place of commencement.

BY - LAWS.

ARTICLE 1.—A claim for mining purposes, within this district, shall not exceed one hundred feet square to each man.

ART. 2.—That no man within the bounds of this district shall hold more than one claim.

ART. 3.—That each and every man holding a claim within the bounds of this district shall work one day out of every three, or employ a substitute; otherwise such claims shall be forfeited: PROVIDED, that claims on dry gulches, or other places, that can be worked conveniently only by water brought in by Water Companies, &c., shall be good till water is brought in, by ditching the same, so as to mark the bounds of such claims, and by keeping up notices according to Art. 5.

ART. 4. That any persons holding claims with dirt thrown up or excavations made on such claims, such claims shall be governed by Articles 2 and 3.

ART. 5. That each and every man holding a claim within the bounds of this district, shall designate such claims by erecting GOOD and SUBSTANTIAL STAKES at each corner of

their claims, or dig a ditch around said claim, with a notice, signed by each person or individual of a company holding such claim.

ART. 6.—Where two or more claims join together, and are worked by companies, such companies can work on any portion of such claims as they deem expedient, complying with Article 3.

ART. 7.—Disputes concerning mining claims shall be settled by referring the same to the Standing Committee, or by arbitration, on mutual agreement, or by jury. The Standing Committee shall (each member who may arbitrate on any case,) be paid two dollars for such service.

ART. 8.—That all water claims in dispute shall be settled according to the above mining rules.

ART. 9.—That no law, passed by the miners heretofore, shall be considered retro-active.

ART. 10.—That in case of sickness, no miner shall forfeit his claim.

ART. 11.—That no person, not an American citizen, or where there is reasonable doubt of his being entitled to the privileges of an American citizen, shall be competent to act on any arbitration.

The following gentleman were chosen a Standing Committee:

JOHN SWIRES, E. B. DRAKE, S. GRAY, J. R. SWIFT, C. W. READING.

Meeting adjourned.

J. HARRINGTON, President.

F. T. HOUGHTON, Secretary.